

1-1 By: Noble, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 1299  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023;  
 1-3 May 16, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 2; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			
1-18			X	

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the signature required on a carrier envelope for a  
 1-22 ballot voted by mail; changing the elements of a criminal offense.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 86.005(c), Election Code, is amended to  
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (c) After marking the ballot, the voter must place it in the  
 1-27 official ballot envelope and then seal the ballot envelope, place  
 1-28 the ballot envelope in the official carrier envelope and then seal  
 1-29 the carrier envelope, and sign the certificate on the carrier  
 1-30 envelope using ink on paper. An electronic signature or  
 1-31 photocopied signature is not permitted.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 86.0051(b), Election Code, is amended to  
 1-33 read as follows:

1-34 (b) A person other than the voter who assists a voter by  
 1-35 depositing the carrier envelope in the mail or with a common or  
 1-36 contract carrier or who obtains the carrier envelope for that  
 1-37 purpose must provide the person's signature, printed name, and  
 1-38 residence address on the reverse side of the envelope. The person  
 1-39 must sign the envelope using ink on paper. An electronic signature  
 1-40 or photocopied signature is not permitted.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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